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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(2)(ii), Attachment A provides marked-up versions of the claims containing newly introduced changes.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a pelvic tumor comprising:
inserting an ablation device into a pelvic region, wherein the ablation device includes a plurality of electrodes;
positioning the plurality of electrodes within a pelvic tumor to avoid contact with normal tissue outside of the pelvic tumor;
confirming placement of the plurality of electrodes completely within the pelvic tumor with a laparoscope and an imaging device; and
delivering energy through the plurality of electrodes to the pelvic tumor to ablate the tumor

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